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SOURCE: Japanese free-lance journalist (C). Appraisal of Content: 3.

1. TSUJI Masanobu cannot prove the accusation which he made during the election campaign for the House of Councillors that the Japan Socialist Party had received ¥10,000,000 from Communist China.¹ When the Socialists threatened to sue TSUJI for having made the statement, TSUJI challenged them to do so only because he knew that litigation on such a suit would be prolonged for years before a verdict could be reached.²
2. During the tour of Japan by the troupe of MEI Lan-fang in May-June 1956, MEI donated ¥3,000,000 to the Japan Teachers Union (Nikkyoso) to assist its candidates for the House of Councillors. These funds came primarily from a special performance given by the troupe at the Kokusai Gekijo in Asakusa, Tokyo, after the regular performance at the Kabuki-za.
1. Field Comment. The above statement, that TSUJI cannot prove his charges, is flatly contradicted by another source, who reports that TSUJI has photostats of documents supporting his contention.
2. Source Comment. Such an act is typical of the sort of audacity for which TSUJI became famous during World War II. For instance, once during the war when TSUJI was assigned to the Japanese headquarters at Peiping, he travelled to Nanking to persuade the commander there to take a course of action devised by TSUJI. He told the Nanking commander that his (TSUJI's) plan had the full support of his superiors, with whom he had in fact not even discussed it, and obtained the Nanking commander's concurrence. He then returned to Peiping and told his commander there that his plan had the full support of the Nanking commander.

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